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Dear Sir,

In response to the Advisory Action dated June 28, 2006, please find the relevant papers as follows:

Request for Continued Examination in (2) pages;

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Accordingly, the Commissioner is authorized to charge \$910 as calculated in the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal to account No. 50-2620 (Order No.: 12680-US-PA).

Thank you for your assistance in the subject matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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